

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph that bridges pages 9-10 with the following amended paragraph.

The invention provides a process in which dry sodium percarbonate is treated for at least two minutes at a temperature from 70 to 120 °C as the ambient air surrounding the particles is being replaced. Ambient air replacement is performed in order to maintain the moisture at a constant value. According to a preferred embodiment, the thermal treatment of the sodium percarbonate is carried out at a temperature in the range from 80 to 95 °C, in particular from 85 to 95 °C. The treatment time preferably ranges from 5 to 60 minutes, in particular 10 to 60 minutes. At a temperature above 95 to 120 °C, the treatment time is in the lower range. The person skilled in the art will determine the optimum conditions by preliminary experiments, which depend on the nature of the production, the atmospheric humidity, and the intensity of the air replacement.